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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Nick J. Huige, et al.

Serial No.: 09/448,578

Filed: November 23, 1999

Title: METHOD OF OXYGENATING YEAST SLURRY USING HYDROPHOBIC POLYMERIC MEMBRANES

Art Unit: 1761

Examiner: C. Sherrer

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**AMENDMENT**

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Box RCE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the August 28, 2001 Office Action  
Applicants respectfully request that the following  
amendments be entered, and respectfully submit the  
following Remarks.

Please amend the application as follows:

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